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SPECIAL EDITION

The Massport Board has approved a new Environmental Management Policy for all facilities. The newly adopted policy defines Massport's commitment to operating in an environmentally responsible manner. This policy should be shared with contractors, tenants, and customers. In the next few months it will be posted in all of our facilities.

Environmental Management Policy

Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) is committed to operate all of its facilities in an environmentally sound and responsible manner.

Massport will strive to minimize the impact of its operations on the environment through the continuous improvement of its environmental performance and the implementation of pollution prevention measures, both to the extent feasible and practicable in a manner that is consistent with Massport's overall mission and goals. To successfully implement this policy Massport will develop and maintain management systems that will:

- Ensure that the environmental management policy is available to staff, tenants, customers and the general public.
- Ensure compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.
- Ensure that environmental considerations are included in business, financial, operational, and programmatic decisions, including feasible and practicable options for potentially exceeding compliance with applicable regulatory requirements.
- Define and apply sustainable design principles in the planning, design, operation and decommissioning of its facilities.
- Define and establish environmental objectives, targets and best management practices and monitor performance.
- Provide training to and communication with staff and affected tenants regarding environmental goals, objectives and targets and their respective roles and responsibilities in fulfilling them.
- Incorporate monitoring of Massport and Massport tenants' environmental activities.
- Include the preparation of an annual environmental performance report which will be made available to staff, tenants, customers and the general public.

See page 2 for correction and update from last *EnviroNews*.

CORRECTION

In the last issue of *EnviroNews* the phone number for the Logan Airport Fire Alarm was incorrect. The correct numbers are **567-2020** or **ADS 2345**. We apologize for any inconvenience we caused.

UPDATED REGULATION

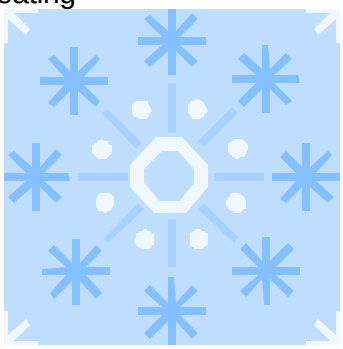
In the last issue of *EnviroNews* we provided information on a new aboveground storage tank (AST) inspection regulation. The regulation requires owners of ASTs **greater** than 10,000 gallons to submit an inspection form annually. The new deadline for the first inspection is now **JUNE 1, 2001**.

REGULATION DEADLINE

The multisector stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1995 has expired. A new version has been issued. To continue your permit coverage you should have filed a *Notice of Intent* with the EPA by January 29, 2001. If you need additional information please contact Jeannie Ennis from the Massport Environmental Management Unit at (617) 568-3505.

Winter Energy Saving Tips

- Have your furnace tuned by a heating technician yearly, inefficient systems can waste 20% or more of the energy used
- Turn down heat thermostats when you are sleeping or away from home, for every degree you lower the temperature you reduce a furnace's energy consumption by 2-3%
- Use timers or electronic thermostats to make for convenient and efficient heating
- Keep rooms that are infrequently used at a lower temperature
- Add extra insulation
- Seal external cracks around doors, windows, and ductwork
- Purchasing high efficiency glass for new glazing
- Consider purchasing a high-efficiency furnace
- Clean and replace furnace filters regularly



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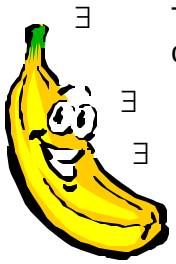
The following ideas are not being encouraged…

Ways to Fake Pollution Prevention



- Take your bike with you to work (in the trunk of your car), bring the bike up to your office, and of course, wear biking clothes and change into your work clothes
- Pour your coffee from your throwaway cup into your reusable mug
- Pour oil-based paint into a water-based paint can
- Buy a small car with an 8 cylinder engine
- Put "organic" stickers on the pesticide-treated fruits and vegetables you buy

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